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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOG PROTEST

1. CHARGE HOLDER CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN OCTOBER 29 TO DELIVER AN ORAL MESSAGE (WHICH HE READ) FROM WILLS FOR THE SECRETARY. SHLAUDEMAN HEARD HIM OUT, BUT DELIBERATELY NEITHER TOOK NOTES NOR ASKED FOR ANY REPETITION. THE FOLLOWING IS THEREFORE NOT A PRECISE RENDERING.

2. THE MESSAGE WAS A SHORT STATEMENT "REJECTING" BLACKEN'S DEMARCHE OF OCTOBER 19 AND PROTESTING IN THE "STRONGEST POSSIBLE" TERMS THE "PUBLICITY" EMANATING FROM THE DEPARTMENT SUBSEQUENT TO BURNHAM'S SPEECH.

3. THAT SPEECH WAS DESCRIBED AS PRESENTING "FACTS" WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT TROUBLED TO TRY TO REFUTE. THE LANGUAGE OF THE BROWN STATEMENT WAS DESCRIBED AS AN "UNPRECEDENTED" DEPARTURE FROM ACCEPTED PRACTICE
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AND FROM THE REASONED DISCOURSE THAT HERETOFORE PREVAILED

BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE MESSAGE ENDED WITH A
REFERENCE TO WILLS' RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SECRETARY

AND AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT THE SECRETARY DID NOT
ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH THE BROWN STATEMENT.

4. SHLAUDEMAN NOTED IN RESPONSE THAT HE HAD TAKEN
THE TROUBLE BEFORE THE MEETING TO RE-READ BURNHAM'S
SPEECH AND COULD ONLY DESCRIBE HIS REACTION AS ONE
OF INCREDULITY. NOTHING COULD HAVE BEEN MORE
"UNPRECEDENTED" AND IT WAS SIMPLY HARD TO BELIEVE
THAT SUCH A SPEECH HAD BEEN GIVEN IN GEORGETOWN.
SHLAUDEMAN ALSO SAID HE WANTED HOLDER AND THE GOG
TO BE CLEAR ON THE POINT THAT THE BROWN STATEMENT
WAS FULLY AUTHORIZED. HE CONCLUDED THE BRIEF MEETING
BY SAYING HE WOULD PASS THE MESSAGE ALONG.

5. IF THE GOG MAKES PRIVATE OR PUBLIC REFERENCE
TO THIS MESSAGE, YOU SHOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY BUT
REFRAIN FROM ANY COMMENT UNTIL OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. KISSINGER

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